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Ib Erling Joergensen  
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Filed: July 18, 2003  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
DISTAL PROTECTION DURING A  
MEDICAL PROCEDURE

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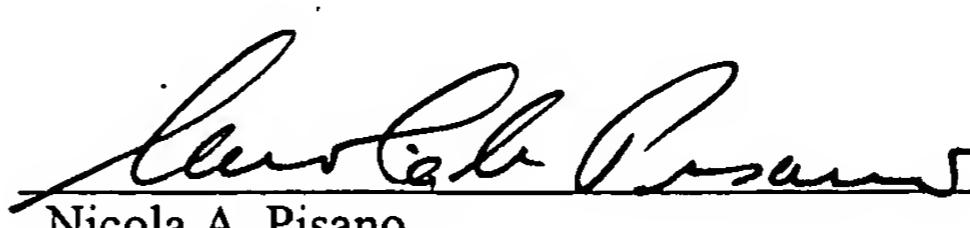
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Respectfully submitted,

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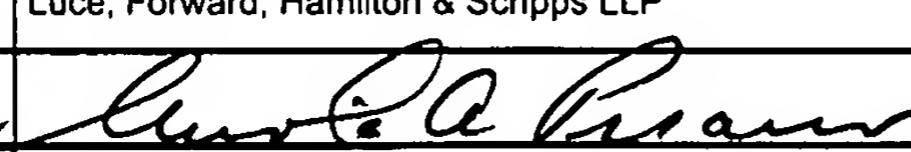
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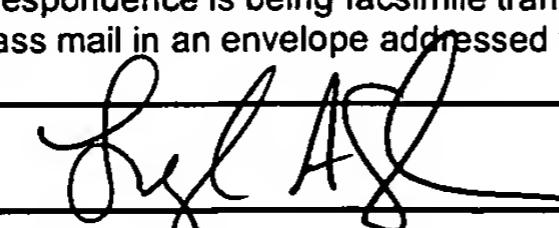
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